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REMARKS

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Claims 1-21 were originally filed in the present application.

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Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-21 were rejected in the June 13, 2007 Office Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-21 are amended herein.

Claims 1-21 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

On pages 3-10 of the June 13, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0025082 to Jang, et al. (the "Jang reference") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0037778 to Patel (the "Patel reference"). Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the Examiner's arguments in support of the rejection.

Claim 1 currently requires:

For use in a wireless network, a base station capable of transmitting broadcast data over a shared traffic channel to a plurality of mobile stations in a coverage area of said base station.

wherein said base station is capable of transmitting a first control message over said shared traffic channel to said plurality of mobile stations, said first control message operable to assign a shared public long code mask (PLCM) to said plurality of mobile stations,

wherein said broadcast data comprises a first local address identifier and mobile station-specific information. (emphasis added).

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Notably, Claim 1 currently requires that the first control message is operable to assign a shared public long code mask (PLCM) to said plurality of mobile stations, wherein said broadcast data comprises a first local address identifier and mobile station-specific information.

The Jang reference, either alone or in any combination with the Patel reference, fails to teach a base station capable of transmitting a first control message over a shared traffic channel to a plurality of mobile stations and that the first control message is operable to assign a shared public long code mask (PLCM) to said plurality of mobile stations, wherein said broadcast data comprises a first local address identifier and mobile station-specific information, as currently required by Claim 1. For example, at the very most, the Patel reference teaches using 32-bit electronic serial numbers or 56-bit mobile equipment identifiers. There is, however, no teaching or disclosure of broadcast data having a first local address identifier and mobile station-specific information, as currently required by Claim 1.

Moreover, there is no suggestion or motivation within the Jang reference or the Patel reference to prompt one of ordinary skill to selectively combine discrete elements from each and then seek out still others as required by Claim 1 and its dependents. Similar arguments hold true for independent Claims 8 and 15, and their respective dependents.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and the withdrawal of the §103 rejection.

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SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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